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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

MUHAMMAD CHISHTI et al.

Application No.: 09/466,353

Filed: December 17, 1999

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
INCREMENTALLY MOVING
TEETH

Examiner: Unassigned

Art Unit: 3732

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 7, 22, 24, 29, 39, and 42. Please cancel claims 14-21.

Please add new claims 45-79, and replace the set of claims currently on file with the following set of claims.

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1. (Amended) A system for repositioning teeth from an initial tooth arrangement to a final tooth arrangement, said system comprising a plurality of dental incremental position adjustment appliances including:
- a first appliance having a geometry selected to reposition the teeth from the initial tooth arrangement to a first intermediate arrangement;
 - one or more intermediate appliances having geometries selected to progressively reposition the teeth from the first intermediate arrangement to successive intermediate arrangements; and

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